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THERE FOLLOWS THE TEXT OF THE NOTE REQUESTING PL480 ASSISTANCE FROM THE TUNISIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY WHICH IS REFERRED TO IN THE REFERENCED TELEGRAM:

- 1. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFIARS PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND HAS THE HONOR TO PRESENT IT WITH A REQUEST FOR FURNISHING TUNISIA WITH FOOD ASSISTANCE IN THE ORDER OF 100,000 TONS OF WHEAT UNDER TITLE I OF PL-480, TO MEET A GRAIN DEFICIT FOR THE 1977- 78 SEASON ESTIMATED AT 940,000 TONS.
- 2. THE PERSISTENCE OF DROUGHT AND VERY HOT WEATHER DURING FEBRUARY AND MARCH HAS CAUSED CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE TO THE CEREAL CROP THROUGHOUT TUNISIA. THE HARVEST IN THE CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN REGIONS WILL BE PRACTICALLY NIL, WHILE IN THE NORTHERN REGIONS LOSSES COULD RANGE FROM 30 TO 70 PERCENT. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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- 3. THERE IS ATTACHED A NOTE ON THE GRAIN SITUATION IN TUNISIA ACCOMPANIED BY A GRAIN BLANCE SHEET SHOWING SUPPLY AND DEMAND FOR THE 1977 78 SEASON.
- 4. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WOULD

USE ITS GOOD OFFICES WITH THE RESPONSIBLE AMTYWVAN AUTHORITIES TO OBTAIN A FAVORABLE RESPONSE TO THIS REQUEST.
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